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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 3-8, 12-16, 20-24, 28-32, 36-40, 43-46, 49-53, 56-59, 62-66, 69-73, 77-80, 84-87, and 89-93 without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later-filed application. Please also amend claim 88 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) as follows. A marked up version of amended claim 88 wherein the deleted material is in brackets and the inserted material is underlined is attached hereto as Exhibit A:

--88. (Amended) A method of monitoring a subject being treated with thyroxine and ensuring that the subject receives the proper dosage of thyroxine which comprises:

- (a) determining whether the subject is receiving the proper dosage of thyroxine the method of claim

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